Import of 1000 MW water reactor from USSR

2051. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement regarding setting up of nuclear power plants with the help of Soviet Union has been reached;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposed agreement;

(c) whether any offer for importing two plants of one thousand MW capacity was made by the Soviet Leaders during their visit to India; and

(d) if so, what is the total number of nuclear power plants that are likely to be set up and to what extent it will be helpful to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) India and the Soviet Union have agreed in principle to cooperate in the setting up of a Nuclear Power Station consisting of two units of 1000 MWe Pressurised Water Reactors using enriched uranium as fuel. The details regarding cooperation, incuding guaranteed fuel supply, are being finalised under an intergovernmnetal agreement which the two sides are planning to sign in the near future This programme is additional to the programme of 10,000 MWe by the year 2000. based on heavy water—natural uranium reactors of our own design.

Induction of airborne early warning helicopters in Indian Navy

2052 SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for induction of airborne early warning helicopters in Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when these are likely to be inducted in the Indian Navy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Various options for detecting and destroying missiles and their carriers are continuously under review.

Further details cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.

Implementation of Narmada Hydel Project

2053. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families which are likely to be displaced due to the implementation of the Narmada Hydel Project;

(b) whether Government have drawn up any rehabilitation projects for the displaced persons; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). Thee is no project named Narmada Hydel Project However, Narmada Sagar Project and Sardar Saovar Project on River Narmada, are likely to affect about 1.96 lakh persons of about 27 thousand families. Rehabilitation as per norms is being provided for their resettlement according to phased programme.

Public sector plagued by time and cost overruns

2054. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector is still being plagued by time and cost overruns; and